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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES PHARMACEUTICALS WITH FERRARI
AGGRADI AND FERRI

PASS COMMERCE

1. IN COURSE OF VISIT WITH MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS
FERRARI AGGRADI (OTHER ASPECTS REPORTED SEPTEL), AMBASSADOR
RAISED SUBJECT PHARMACEUTICALS. FERRARI AGGRADI IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE VERY IMPORTANT SECTOR OF THE ITALIAN ECONOMY CONTROLLED
BY STATE- OWNED CORPORATIONS (IRI ET AL). IN RESPONSE TO THE
AMBASSADOR' S EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE ITALIAN STATE- OWNED
COMPANIES ENTRY INTO THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY WHICH IS 40
PERCENT US OWNED, F- A FLATLY STATED THAT " THE STATE IS NOT
GOING INTO THIS". HE ADMITTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A PROJECT
WHICH WOULD HAVE GONE IN THE DIRECTION OF STATE- CONTROL BUT
THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT.

2. DURING CALL ON MINISTER OF INDUSTRY FERRI AMBASSADOR ALSO
RAISED QUESTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PATENT LAW NOW BEFORE PARL-
IAMENT (ROME A-069, 2/1/73), NOTING US INTEREST IN ITS
PASSAGE. FERRI CONCEDED THAT BILL IS NOT MOVING FORWARD RAPIDLY,
PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM SMALL PHARMACEUTICAL
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COMPANIES (WHO PREFER STATUS QUO) ON PARLIAMENTARIANS. GOVERN-
MENT, FERRI SAID, REMAINS IN FAVOR OF BILL AS MEASURE WHICH
WOULD HELP INCREASE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN ITALY. IN RESPONSE
AMBASSADOR' S QUESTION, FERRI SAID HE WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF
ANY ASSISTANCE IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO LEND TO GOI EFFORTS SECURE
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